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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly to partly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms after midnight.
HIGH: 78 LOW: 62



Meet the 4-H'ers in this year's "Meating" the Need

Authenticity blocked

The REPORTER

Say hello to this year's participants in "Meating" the Need. This partnership between the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) and 4-H beef, dairy, and swine project members will help HCHFB purchase those beef, dairy cattle, and swine at the Hamilton County 4-H Livestock Auction on July 21.

"Meating" the Need started in 2016 as HCHFB's pilot program to provide needed protein for local food pantries. This expanded to providing protein year-round to pantries throughout Hamilton County.

Your donation doesn't just help to purchase meat; it also supports local 4-H'ers by purchasing their project animals as they pursue their 4-H, education, and life goals.

How you can help "Meat" the Need

Any donation amount is appreciated. If you donate \$250 or more by July 1, you will be recognized on the 4-H Fair Barn Banner and in local press releases.

Donate by sending a check to "Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank" with the following address line and designating "Meating the Need" in the memo line:

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You can also donate anytime online at [this link](#).

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Photo illustration provided

One of my biggest downfalls growing up, and into my adult years, is that I think that I can read people's minds. I tend to assume I know what others are thinking about me and my disability.



I have had and continue to have enough negative experiences to "justify" that I can guess that many people have a negative first impression of me before we even meet.

It is not fair for me to form negative opinions of others before I really know what they are thinking, but I do still fight this urge.

On a recent family vacation, I had an unfortunate incident in the ocean. I have been in the ocean all throughout my life, usually with help getting in and out. Once I am past the waves, I can swim. This trip I wanted to get in the water with my family, my husband and son on either side of me supporting me.

What happened next was unexpected. No matter how hard I tried I could not keep my legs under me. They kept buckling and I was like a limp noodle, completely dependent on them to keep me up. It took us all by surprise.

In between the pounding of the waves and holding onto my husband's neck for dear life, I noticed a crowd forming at the shore. Okay, more like two or three people, but they were laser-focused on us, which did not help me.

I got into my head and assumed I knew what they were thinking - that I had been drinking and could not keep myself up. I thought this because I have been accused of this very thing many times. They were likely just concerned.

They continued to stare as they finally got me out of the water, my body in a state of complete exhaustion. I had put on quite a show for those who were interested.

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Tipton FFA members earn high honors at state convention

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

Tipton FFA members participated in the 97th Indiana FFA State Convention last week at Hamilton Southeastern High School and The Arena at Innovation Mile in Noblesville.

Members in attendance were able to hear retiring addresses from the 2025-2026 Indiana FFA State Officers, keynote speakers, participate in leadership development workshops, and network with members from across the state.

Jarod Cheek, Darci Dunn, Johanna Gonzalez, Ava Higginbotham, Trice Marsh, Macy Nunemacher, Kinsey Nunemacher, and Mason Tice received their Hoosier De-



Photos provided by Tipton Community School Corporation (ABOVE LEFT, from left) Ava Higginbotham, Darci Dunn, Jarod Cheek, Mason Tice, Trice Marsh, Kinsey Nunemacher, and Macy Nunemacher are pictured holding their Hoosier Degrees. (ABOVE RIGHT) Darci Dunn was elected District 4 FFA President.

grees, the highest degree that can be received at the State level. The Hoosier Degree documents that the member has achieved success at a high

level in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, leadership development, and community service.

Darci Dunn was elected as the 2026-2027 District 4 FFA President and member of the Executive Committee.

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Radio hams can key up this weekend

Submitted by Derek Fronck President, Piglet Radio Inc.

Calling all hams! Amateur Radio Field Day is set for this weekend, June 27 and 28, at Cool Creek Park, 2000 E. 151st St. in Westfield.

Field Day is a nationwide event where over 30,000 local amateur radio operators across the country demonstrate emergency communication capabilities by setting up temporary stations and making contacts across the country. It highlights how radio can operate independently of traditional infrastructure during disasters.

This event offers a great story opportunity, including:

- Live demonstrations of emergency communications
- Demonstrations of STEM Education: Field Day provides hands-on learning opportunities in electronics, radio technology, and wireless communication, making it an engaging way for students and families to explore science and engineering concepts.
- The opportunity to interview local operators about preparedness and technology and amateur radio.

The event will be open to the public from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Cool Creek Park.

Learn more about Field Day at [arrrl.org/field-day](#).



Photo provided

You can be one of more than 30,000 amateur radio operators around the country who take part in Field Day.

TOM & SONI SHEEHAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NOBLESVILLE

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville named Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal

Submitted by City of Noblesville

In celebration of the club's 75th anniversary, the City of Noblesville has announced that the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) will be the Grand Marshal of the 2026 Noblesville Fourth of July Parade presented by Gaylor Electric. The parade is set for 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 4.

This recognition celebrates BGCN's decades of commitment to fostering character, intelligence, confidence, and life skills in local children and teenagers.

"The city is honored to have the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville serving as the Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal to celebrate the positive impact they make on youth in our community," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "As we celebrate Independence Day, we reflect on how America's future will be shaped by our youth, and the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville plays an important role in guiding and preparing the next generation to be great citizens and leaders."

BGCN, located at 1700 Conner St., has provided after-school and summer programming for youth since being founded in July 1951, supporting students through tutoring and homework assistance, cooking classes, art classes, STEM programming, clubs, and other activities. Their commitment to serving, uplifting, and inspiring local youth has helped generations of children to thrive.

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Jensen

AUTHENTICITY

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In that moment, I felt so embarrassed and incompetent and wished the ground would open and swallow me whole.

I realize a few of my most recent columns have been about unfortunate public interactions surrounding my disability. At first, I thought I should not write several columns in a row about these negative interactions. I caught myself wanting to portray a life that is all sunshine and rainbows.

Blocking my own authenticity.

This is my real life, and it shows a true picture of why it is hard to get out from under the negative opinions or "assumptions" of others.

In another recent incident at church, my husband and son were standing at the back of our car after loading me and my wheelchair into the car. They were saying goodbye, as my son had driven separately. A man walked up to them, and I heard him say to them, "Something is very wrong with this picture."

Confused my husband said, "Excuse me?" He said, "Look at the two of you, you do not look like you need this parking space." Immediately, I was overwhelmed with sadness, anger, and frustration.

My husband explained to him that his disabled wife was in the car. Still skeptical, he said "okay" and walked away.

There are no words

that can accurately explain how it makes me feel to have spent an entire life in a disabled body and still have that in question on a regular basis. My family included.

It is exhausting. It makes it hard to not think I can read people's minds and assume that they have a negative opinion about me when things like this happen so often.

I realize that he was likely looking out for disabled people, but his delivery lacked education. There are some disabilities that are not visible. You never know what someone is dealing with that you cannot see.

I keep writing about disabilities to do my part to educate others that things are not always as they seem. It is good practice for all of us to learn more about one another.

Negative words and experiences can have a profound and lasting effect. It helps if we take the time to listen and learn from others who are different than we are. We all deserve to live authentically.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.org and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.



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Photos provided by Tipton Community School Corporation
(TOP LEFT) Tipton FFA members with their award recognitions from the Leadership Development Events. (From left) Olivia Ogden, Monroe Stewart, Mason Tice, Caroline Rodibaugh, Kortney Fernung, and Clare Meyncke. (TOP RIGHT) Logan Lightfoot, Lillian Cloud, and Darci Dunn placed in the Top 4 with their Proficiencies. (ABOVE LEFT) The Tipton FFA Discovery Ag Issues Team (from left): Kortney Fernung, Caroline Rodibaugh, Dean Biedermann, Darci Dunn (student coach), Clare Meyncke, and Olivia Ogden. (ABOVE RIGHT) Macy and Kinsey Nunemacher showed off their musical talents during the Talent Review.

Macy and Kinsey Nunemacher shared their musical talents during the Talent Review.

Darci Dunn and Mason Tice served as official delegates for the Tipton Chapter. Tipton received the Bronze Donor Recognition and the Silver Emblem National Chapter Ranking.

Monroe Stewart earned second place in the Discovery Prepared Public Speaking competition. Mason Tice placed fourth with his Ag Mechanics

and Technology Demonstration. The Discovery Ag Issues team consisting of Clare Meyncke, Dean Biedermann, Kortney Fernung, Olivia Ogden and Caroline Rodibaugh placed fourth in the state competition.

Lillian Cloud placed first with her beef production proficiency, Darci Dunn placed second with her Ag Sales proficiency, and Logan Lightfoot placed third with his Ag Mech Design and Fabrication proficiency.

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Noblesville offers free, family-friendly fun for Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks Festival

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks Department have announced details for the Fourth of July Parade presented by Gaylor Electric, beginning at 4 p.m., and the Fireworks Festival presented by IDI Composites from 6 to 10 p.m., all on Saturday, July 4.

“Seeing families and community members come together on the Fourth of July to participate in and attend the city’s festivities is a special summer tradition in Noblesville, and one that my family looks forward to each year,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “As the United States of America celebrates its 250th anniversary, Independence Day is a time to reflect on the bravery and vision that our nation is built upon and to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy because of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect them.”

Events on the Fourth begin with the annual Fourth of July Parade through downtown Noblesville, presented by Gaylor Electric. Registration to participate in the parade is \$25 (nonprofits are not charged), and entries must be submitted by Monday, June 29. Forms are available at [this link](#). The city announced that the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will be the Grand Marshal of the Fourth of July Parade,

presented by Gaylor Electric.

The Fireworks Festival, presented by IDI Composites, will take place at Forest Park from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will include a kids’ zone with inflatables, airbrush face painting, a rock-climbing wall, bungee trampoline, balloon twisters, food trucks, beer gardens, and more family activities. A festival DJ will be playing music on the main stage from 6 to 7:25 p.m. Sixteen Candles will headline the main stage from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., bringing the nostalgia and energy of the 1980s to life. The festivities will conclude with the annual fireworks show, beginning at 10 p.m.

In addition to Gaylor Electric and IDI Composites, additional sponsors include EXOS, Ed Martin Toyota, Full Throttle Carts, Ascension St. Vincent Fishers, Republic Services, T-Mobile, and Chick-Fil-A.

The VIP section at the Fireworks Festival is SOLD OUT for 2026, an area where families and friends can sit at reserved tables that offer up-close seating to the live music performance, an exceptional view of the fireworks, private restrooms, and new this year, direct connected access to the Beer Garden. The VIP section is a great place to meet, gather, and eat safely between activities.

Parking is available at



Graphic provided by City of Noblesville

Noblesville High School, with free shuttles to and from Forest Park. In-park parking passes are available for \$30 to provide convenient access into Forest Park during the festival. This pass allows parking in the pool parking lot on July 4 during the festival. Parking passes

must be picked up from the Park’s Department office located in Forest Park at the Forest Park Inn, 701 Cicero Road, no later than Wednesday, July 1, during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The July 4 Planning Committee has improved

traffic flow to manage better end-of-event travel from Forest Park for motorists, pedestrians, and shuttle riders. The Noblesville Fireworks Festival offers free shuttle routes throughout and after the event to assist guests in getting to Forest Park from designated off-

site parking lots.

Parking passes may be purchased online at noblesville.in.gov/parks by selecting the 4th of July Parade & Fireworks Festival under the Signature Events tab.

[Click here](#) for full event details, including the parade route and festival maps.

PARADE

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“Being selected as Grand Marshal for this year’s Fourth of July Parade is an incredible honor for the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville as we celebrate 75 years of serving local youth and families,” BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said.



Terry

the community for celebrating our legacy and helping us build an even brighter future for the youth we serve.”

The Fourth of July Parade presented by Gaylor Electric will step off at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 4 in downtown Noblesville and is part of a full day of festivities that includes live music, family activities, and the Noblesville Fourth of July Fireworks Festival presented by IDI Composites, beginning at 6 p.m. at Forest Park.

“This recognition reflects the dedication of generations of members, staff, volunteers, board members, donors, and community partners who have helped make the Club a place where young people can learn, grow, and thrive.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are also focused on our new mission/initiative NEXT75, ensuring future generations have access to the same life-changing opportunities that have defined our first 75 years. We are grateful to the city and

In addition to Gaylor Electric and IDI Composites, additional sponsors include EXOS, Ed Martin Toyota, Full Throttle Carts, Ascension St. Vincent Fishers, Republic Services, T-Mobile, and Chick-Fil-A.

[Click here](#) for full event details.



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The Fourth of July Parade will move through Downtown Noblesville on Saturday, July 4.

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Veterans' stories will take you beyond the headlines Friday

Submitted by Tina Mangos

Local veteran organizations will hold an old-fashioned storytelling event to celebrate America's birthday and learn about our military history from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 26 at the Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 W. Main St.

Hear personal stories (with PowerPoints and visuals) from five veterans who will share their experiences or those of family members, some going back to the Revolutionary War.

To name a few, stories include: women in the military since the '70s, changes in technology and communication, rescuing prisoners of war, various assignments in worldwide locations, using military training in civilian endeavors, and more.

Enjoy home-baked birthday cake, social engagement, and displays. Westfield Mayor Scott

Willis, who is a retired Marine Colonel, will share his illustrious U.S. Marine experience that spanned the globe. Carmel City Councilman Tony Green served over a decade as an active-duty pilot for the U.S. Air Force.

Some of the families' stories include: World War II cartography, prisoner of war in Korea, Vietnam, fighting with George Washington and Daniel Boone, being awarded "Kentucky Colonel" during the Civil War, and more ... stories you don't get in school.

Display tables will offer more visuals, such as letters written to a POW in Korea by then-Senator John F. Kennedy, Western Union telegrams a wife received as MIA notifications, a guitar that survived WW2 and was a connection to home, with which a meaningful song will be played by the storyteller.



Graphic provided

The moderator, Kathryn Lerch, directs the Legacy Initiative Project at Park Tudor, is on the board of the WW2 Roundtable, has many publications on military history, and has received numerous awards for her historiography.

Collaborating on this event are:

- Carmel Mayor's Commission on Veteran Affairs
- Carmel VFW Post

10003

- Carmel American Legion Post 155
- Clay Township Military Museum and Library

It's a free event, but registration is required at tinamangosarts.com.

We have many heroes and sources of inspiration in our community, but one will never know unless you take the time and interest to hear their story.

Westfield Police to hold two forums on e-bikes, dirt bikes, golf carts & off-road vehicle laws

Submitted by City of Westfield

The Westfield Police Department invites residents to attend one of two upcoming community forums focused on Indiana laws and ordinances governing e-bikes, dirt bikes, golf carts, and other off-road vehicles.

The first will be held on Wednesday, July 1 and the second will be held on Wednesday, July 15. Both forums will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St., in the main auditorium.

As the popularity of these vehicles continues to grow throughout the community, the Westfield Police Department offers these educational sessions to help residents better understand where vehicles may legally operate, who may operate them, and how riders can safely share public spaces.

"Many parents and riders are surprised to learn that different vehicles are governed by different laws and restrictions," Police Chief Shawn Keen said. "These forums are an opportunity for our officers to provide clear, accurate information, answer questions, and help families make informed decisions that keep everyone safe. Our goal is education, awareness and promoting responsible operation throughout the community."

During the forums, officers will provide informa-

tion on:

- The different classes of e-bikes and their legal definitions

- Who may legally operate each class of e-bike

- Where e-bikes and golf carts may be operated under Indiana law and/or ordinances

- Regulations governing dirt bikes and off-road vehicles

- Where dirt bikes and other off-road vehicles may and may not be operated

- Safety considerations for riders and the community

- Common violations and enforcement concerns

- Opportunities for questions and answers with law enforcement personnel

Each presentation will last approximately one hour and include a question-and-answer session. No RSVP is required.

The forums are intended for residents of all ages. Parents, guardians, grandparents, and youth riders are encouraged to attend, as the information presented may impact multiple members of a household. By increasing awareness and understanding of current laws, the Westfield Police Department hopes to promote safe and responsible operation of these vehicles throughout the community.

For additional information, call Lieutenant Charles Hollowell at (317) 804-3235.



Keen

Experience live teaching from two music legends at 2026 Songbook Academy Public Masterclass

The REPORTER

In less than three weeks, Lea Salonga, beloved for her Tony Award-winning role in *Miss Saigon* and for providing the singing voices of Princess Jasmine and Fa Mulan in Disney's animated classics *Aladdin* and *Mulan*, will join Michael Feinstein, founder of The Great American Songbook Foundation, for the 2026 Songbook Academy® Public Masterclass.

Kicking off the public events of this year's Song-

book Academy Week, the masterclass will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, July 13, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium. Salonga and Feinstein will provide live coaching to 10 randomly selected Songbook Academy participants, giving audiences a rare opportunity to observe the mentoring process firsthand.

Whether you're a lifelong Broadway fan, a Disney enthusiast, an aspiring performer or simply a lover of great music, this event

offers a unique chance to witness the next generation of artists learn from two internationally celebrated performers.

Best of all, you can experience this event completely free of charge.

Tickets may be reserved online, by calling (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

Tickets are limited to eight per household. For larger groups, please email

Tickets@TheCenter-Presents.org or call (317) 843-3800 to reserve seats together.

Senior living communities, student groups, and organized community groups are welcome. Bus drop-off accommodations and group assistance can be arranged in advance through the Fifth Third Bank Box Office.

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Greg Ballard petition signatures jump past 64,000

Submitted Independent Secretary of State Candide Greg Ballard announced Tuesday, June 23, that his campaign has now submitted at least 64,183 petition signatures to county clerks. By law, he needs to have 36,943 signatures from registered voters verified by clerks to have his name placed on the ballot.



Ballard

the state a chance to show their support for the former Indianapolis Mayor on Saturday this coming weekend. The campaign will have volunteers at numerous locations around the state that voters can visit to sign petitions. A full list of times and locations will be available later this week. Anyone interested in hosting a location should email info@gregballard.com.

“We are sprinting to the end of the month when all signatures must be turned into the counties,” Ballard said. “I’m still getting requests from Hoosiers asking, ‘Where can I sign?’”

The Ballard campaign will give Hoosiers around

Verified signatures from the clerks will be turned back over to the campaign to be officially filed with the State in July.

Learn more about the candidate at GregBallard.com.

Conner Prairie celebrates America 250 by investing in next generation of history makers

250 complimentary memberships available to young adults ages 18-29 thanks to support from Duke Energy Foundation

The REPORTER

Conner Prairie invites young adults to become part of history through a new initiative designed to engage the next generation in civic participation, lifelong learning, and community connection.

As part of its America 250 commemoration, Conner Prairie will provide 250 complimentary Individual Memberships to young adults ages 18 to 29. Supported in part by a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, the initiative aims to remove barriers to participation while creating opportunities for young adults to connect with history in meaningful and relevant ways.

At Conner Prairie, the celebration of America’s 250th anniversary extends far beyond the nation’s founding. Through America 250 programming, the museum is highlighting the generations of everyday people who have shaped our nation’s story and encouraging a new generation to

reflect on its role in shaping the future.

“History is not just something we inherit; it’s something we create together,” Conner Prairie President and CEO Norman Burns said. “As we commemorate America’s 250th anniversary, we have a unique opportunity to engage young adults in conversations about our shared past, present, and future. We want Gen Z to see Conner Prairie as a place where their voices matter, their perspectives are valued, and their participation helps strengthen our communities.”

Recipients will receive a complimentary one-year Individual Membership, providing access to Conner Prairie’s immersive exhibits, experiences, and special events throughout the year. Members will also be invited to participate in programs and initiatives designed to inspire civic engagement,



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foster dialogue, and encourage deeper connections to history and community.



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The initiative supports Conner Prairie’s mission to inspire curiosity and foster learning through immersive experiences. It also aligns with the museum’s partnership with Made By Us, a nationwide coalition of history and civic organizations working to empower younger generations through civic participation, as well as Conner Prairie’s ongoing efforts surrounding Civics Season and America 250.

By investing in young adults today, Conner Prairie hopes to cultivate a more diverse and engaged membership community while creating lasting connections with a generation that will help shape the future.

“Young adults are already making an impact in their communities,” Burns said. “This initiative is about welcoming them into a space where they can explore ideas, build connections, and discover how history can inform the choices we make today.”

Young adults ages 18 to 29 are encouraged to learn more and apply for one of the 250 complimentary memberships by visiting connerprairie.org/membership-giveaway.

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With Rotary Club of Westfield the hits just keep on coming

Submitted by Michael Schramm
Rotary Club of Westfield

Last Friday evening, June 19, the Westfield Rotary Club was at the second Cool Creek Concert of the season, again firing up the grill and serving brats, hot dogs, chips, and drinks to a large crowd of attendees enjoying a perfect Indiana evening.

Once again, we launched a 50/50 raffle to support another of our favorite community organizations. One lucky ticket-holder walked away with half the proceeds. The other half was donated to Student Impact of Westfield.

Student Impact empowers sixth- through 12th-grade students through meaningful connections in a safe and consistent space where they grow in confidence and are equipped to lead. The organization’s after-school program is focused on providing an opportunity for young people to develop friendships, connect with mentors and learn skills that will equip them for life. Snacks, fresh fruits and vegetables, a home-cooked meal, and endless amounts of fun are available for students. There is also a small group program

that meets throughout the year, focused on continuing to strengthen relationships built during the after-school program.

There are three more concerts in the Cool Creek series this summer, and with each one, we hold another 50/50 raffle to support a different community organization. Three more concerts. Three more causes. One community pulling together.

The Rotary Club of Westfield has launched a new multi-year strategic plan centered on three pillars: youth leadership development, reducing food insecurity, and building community.

Our focus in these areas will create lasting impact. Our work will center on mentoring young people, fighting hunger, and forging connections that strengthen our community.

If you see us at the Cool Creek Concerts brat booth, come say hello, grab a brat, and buy a raffle ticket. Every ticket is a small act with a big ripple.

Service Above Self and Creating an Impact. That’s what Westfield Rotary is about.

See you at the next concert.



Photo provided Westfield Rotary Club President Jim Ake (left) and John Salladay sell 50/50 raffle tickets to concertgoers.



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When they saddle up the ponies, supporters get hooked on polo

By **RENEE BUTTS**
Carmel Fire Department
Public Education Officer

On Friday, June 19, Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding Center and The Heroes Club came together for a wonderful fundraising event at Hickory Hall Polo Field, 7551 E. County Road 100 North, Whitestown. The evening provided the perfect setting for friends, families, and supporters to gather for a great cause while enjoying the excitement of polo.

The weather could not have been more beautiful for a June summer evening. Guests relaxed at their tailgates, enjoyed the open-air atmosphere, and watched as the polo ponies thundered across the field. Riders showcased their skill and determination throughout the match, making for an exciting and entertaining competition.

The event drew a large crowd, with families and community members fill-

ing the grounds to enjoy the unique combination of fellowship, outdoor fun, and sporting action. Laughter and cheers could be heard throughout the evening as spectators took in the match and spent time with friends both old and new.

Following the polo match, the children had the opportunity to participate in stick pony races, adding another layer of fun and excitement to an already memorable evening. The races brought smiles to faces of all ages and were a perfect way to conclude the festivities.

A great time was had by all, and the event served as a wonderful reminder of the power of community coming together to support meaningful causes.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, and contributed to the success of the evening. Your support helps make a difference for both Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding Center and The Heroes Club, and we are grate-



Photos provided

The goal for The Heroes Club is always the same: give a worthy cause a bump.

ful for your generosity and commitment to these worthy organizations.

For more information on Morning Dove Thera-

peutic Riding Center, go to morningdovetrc.org. For more information on The Heroes Club, go to theheroesclub.org.

Divorced father creates software to ease divorce process

By **KARA KENNEY**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Mike Estridge, a divorced Carmel father, is the CEO and founder of Parency, a software company aimed at streamlining the legal process of divorce.

"I really founded it out of personal experience," Estridge said. "I went through a divorce a few years back, and people get divorced for a reason."

Estridge said the court-ordered apps to communicate with his ex were clunky and frustrating to use.

"There was nothing that I felt like was centrally focused around the welfare of my children," said Estridge.

He started researching, and after speaking with divorce attorneys, something stood out.

"Probably 50 to 60 percent of their time in family law is spent in the documentation space, going through documents, looking for the needle in the haystack, trying to find the few hundred dollars that were spent inappropriately," said Estridge.

Parency already has a web-based app for lawyers that uses AI tools aimed at cutting document reviewing time in half.

"That gives them so much time back in their day so they can better serve with higher value service," said Estridge.

Estridge's technology could help the state's attorney shortage because family lawyers can take on more cases and clients.

Currently, Indiana is well below the national average with 2 lawyers per

1,000 residents, compared to the national average of 4 attorneys per 1,000 residents.

More than half of Indiana counties, or 49, are considered a "legal desert," which is when a county has less than 1 lawyer for every 1,000 residents.

"I hadn't thought about it, about it being a solution to a statewide problem, but I certainly think it's a solution to a national problem," said Estridge.

Estridge is working on a mobile app for parents that will pair with the Parency legal app, and it's expected to be released later this summer.

"I'm able to build something that, as a parent, is going to help my life, and I feel, and I know that I'm not the only one," said Estridge.

He says his ultimate goal is to make divorce better for kids.

"We think we're kind of serving the better good here," said Estridge.

Indiana's I-Team found the lawyer shortage means court cases drag on, people spend time in jail longer than they should, and delayed justice costs taxpayers.

The Indiana State Bar Association is working on solutions, including launching a Rural Practice Academy this summer, which will help attorneys open their own offices in legal deserts.

Another solution in the works is creating pathways for **online law schools and their graduates**.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team/indiana-lawyer-shortage-solution.

New this week at Sheridan Public Library

Submitted

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

- Choke Point – Brad Thor
- Deal – Elle Kennedy
- Five-Star Summer – Sarah Morgan
- Harvest Season – Brynne Weaver
- Lead Me Home – Catherine Bybee
- Mistake – Elle Kennedy
- New Chapter – Maggie Miller
- New Year in the Presidential Suite – Judith Keim

- Pair of Aces – Marie Benedict
- Rocket's Red Glare – James Patterson
- Seabreeze Garden – Jan Moran
- Summer We Celebrated – Hope Holloway
- This Book Made Me Think of You – Libby Page

Non-Fiction

- Shameful Silence – Alexandra Lozano
- View From the East Wing – Jill Biden
- What Conservatives Believe – Mike Pence

Children's

- Bad Guys: Breaking In: Best of the Worst – M.

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- Book That Almost Rhymed – Omar Abed
- Crayons' Book of Manners – Drew Daywalt
- I Love My Family – Bluey & Bingo
- I Love You Forever – Taffy Tales
- If I Drove an Ice Cream Truck – Cat in the Hat
- Max & Mama – Laura Numeroff
- One & Only Family – Katherine Applegate
- One & Only Ruby – Katherine Applegate
- Scariest Kitten in the World – Kate Messner
- Very Hungry Cater-

pillar's 5-Minute Stories

- **Inspirational Fiction**
- Accentuate the Positive – Jeanette Hanscome
- Coming Home – DeAnna J. Dodson
- Heart of a Hero – D'Ann Mateer
- Pirate's Wife – Hope Callaghan
- Side Hustle in Savannah – Hope Callaghan
- Silent Witness – Tracy Fredrychowski
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2026 Colts Training Camp at Grand Park kicks off July 29

Submitted by
City of Westfield

The Indianapolis Colts have released the schedule for 2026 Colts Training Camp, presented by Koorsen Fire & Security, which will kick off Wednesday, July 29, at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield.

This year marks the eighth and final summer of Colts Camp at Grand Park, about 15 miles north of Indianapolis. In 2027, camp will move to the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center in Indianapolis.

“Colts Training Camp has become a summer tradition in Westfield, and we couldn’t be more excited to welcome fans back to Grand Park for one final season,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “For eight years, the Colts have helped create lasting memories for our residents, driven visitors to our community, and played a role in establishing Westfield as a premier destination for sports. We look forward to celebrating this final camp, thanking the Colts organization for an incredible partnership, and sending the Horseshoe into the 2026 season with the full support of Westfield behind them.”

As in past years, activities and events at Grand Park will focus on entertaining the whole family and giving fans access, as well as celebrating the Colts

partnership with Westfield.

“We’re thrilled to kick off Colts Training Camp next month and can’t wait to see all our fans, neighbors and partners in Westfield as we build our team for the 2026 season,” Colts Owner & CEO Carlie Irsay-Gordon said. “It’s also bittersweet that this will be our last camp at Grand Park, so we look forward to incorporating many special moments to celebrate the memories and friends we’ve made during our Westfield era.”

Highlights of 2026 camp will include:

Open Practices July 29 to Aug. 20

The team is scheduled to host 13 practices, all open to the public. A ticket is required to enter each day and may be downloaded at [Colts.com/Camp](https://colts.com/camp).

- First Practice: July 29 from 10 to 11 a.m.

- Night Practice: Aug. 6 from 8 to 10 p.m.

- Joint Practice #1: The Colts host the Atlanta Falcons on Aug. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Final Practice: Joint Practice #2 with Falcons on Aug. 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

For seven of the 13 practices, tickets for all attendees are free.

On six Primetime Practice days – Aug. 1, 6, 8, 15, 19, and 20 – tickets are \$5 for fans 18 or older. Tickets for kids 17 and under remain free, but fans still

must download a ticket. If practice is moved indoors, ticket and parking fees for those not able to attend due to limited capacity will be refunded.

All ticket proceeds will support Colts community efforts to develop and grow flag football opportunities throughout Indiana.

Parking

Grand Park also charges a parking fee per vehicle each day. Fans may obtain a parking pass for \$5 in advance at [Colts.com/Camp](https://colts.com/camp) or via the Colts Mobile App. Parking on site will cost \$10.

- General Practices: Camp tickets are free; parking fee \$5 per vehicle in advance or \$10 per vehicle on-site

- Primetime Practices, 17 and under: Camp tickets are free; parking fee \$5 per vehicle in advance or \$10 per vehicle on-site

- Primetime Practices, 18 and older (Aug. 1, 6, 8, 15, 19, and 20): Camp tickets are \$5; parking fee \$5 per vehicle in advance or \$10 per vehicle on-site

Theme Days

Colts Training Camp will feature a series of theme days highlighting various local organizations and fans and providing activities for the whole family. Details about each day will be released later this summer. Scheduled themes include:

- July 29: Camp Kick-off, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors

- July 31: Family Day, presented by Ascension St. Vincent

- Aug. 1: NFL’s Back Together Saturday

- Aug. 6: “Thirsty Thursday,” presented by Bud Light

- Aug. 8: Salute to Service Day, presented by Vet Tix

- Aug. 16: Give Back Sunday, presented by Meijer

- Aug. 19: Joint Practice #1 with Atlanta Falcons, presented by CenterPoint Energy, & Kicking The Stigma Day

- Aug. 20: Joint Practice #2 with Falcons

Joint Practice with Atlanta Falcons Aug. 19 and 20

The Colts will host the Atlanta Falcons at Grand Park for Joint Practice Days on Aug. 19, presented by CenterPoint Energy, and on Aug. 20 to close out the

2026 Camp. The practices take place in advance of the teams’ preseason game on Aug. 22 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The teams are also scheduled to complete a joint service project to support Kicking The Stigma, the Colts mental health initiative.

The Colts also will take part in a joint training camp practice on the road at the New England Patriots on Aug. 11 in advance of the team’s preseason road game on Aug. 13.

Indianapolis has participated in past joint practices, including Green Bay (2025), Baltimore (2018, 2025), Arizona (2024), Cincinnati (2024), Chicago (2015, 2023), Philadelphia (2023), Detroit (2017, 2022), Carolina (2021), Cleveland (2019), Tennessee (2000), and the St. Louis Rams (1997, 1999).

Colts City

Colts City returns to Grand Park on an 85,000 square-foot multi-purpose asphalt pad and turf field adjacent to the Colts practice fields, allowing fans to enjoy Colts City activities and team practices conveniently.

Colts City will be open each day practice is open to the public through Aug. 20. Features will include:

- The Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital Field, featuring football drills, 40-yard dash, and flag football activities

- Colts In Motion, presented by Ascension St. Vincent, the team’s interactive traveling experience

- On-site Colts Pro Shop

- “Cool Zones,” presented by Ascension St. Vincent
- Toddler Zone, Blue’s Trick Shot Zone and Interactive Flag Belt Wall

- Appearances by team mascot “Blue” and Colts Cheerleaders

- Food and beverage deals

- Interactive partner displays and exhibits

Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, a practice may be moved indoors to the Grand Park Events Center. Due to capacity limits, only a limited number of fans may be allowed inside to watch practice. Information on this process will be announced later this summer.

If a practice is moved indoors, Colts City also will be closed.

Spark!Fishers celebration underway

The REPORTER

Spark!Fishers festivities begin today, and the big parade is set for 7 p.m. Saturday.

Join the hosts of The Scuttlebutt Club podcast as they emcee the annual Spark!Fishers Parade through the heart of down-

town Fishers. This fun-filled community tradition features floats, marching bands and walking groups representing local organizations, businesses and civic groups.

See the parade route, as well as the full list of events at SparkFishers.com.

Carmel’s own William Rizzuto make St. Olaf College dean’s list

The REPORTER

St. Olaf College has released its Spring 2026 dean’s list, a scholarly award for students who demonstrate academic excellence and have earned a

grade-point average of 3.75 or above and completed at least three credits for that semester.

Among those students is William Rizzuto of Carmel, who is studying kinesiology.

Gov. Braun defends his decision to replace utility commission chair

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Gov. Mike Braun on Tuesday said he expects the state’s utility commission to side more clearly with ratepayers in utility rate cases.

The governor’s comments came a day after he stripped Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission Chair Andy Zay of his chairmanship and gave the position to another member of the commission, Anthony Swinger. Zay is still on the commission.

Braun has sharply criticized the commission’s decision last week to approve a \$71 million rate increase for AES Indiana. The utility had originally asked for a \$193 million rate increase, and an October agreement between AES Indiana and the IURC stipulated a \$91 million increase, so the amount approved last week was lower even than the agreed-upon amount. But Braun said he still strongly disagreed with the commission’s decision.

“In Andy’s case, he brought some tribal knowledge of being on the [Senate] Utilities Committee, but I think maybe he had too much of that, and yes, it was a disappointment,” Braun said. “If I find something like that, I’m going to do whatever I can to make an adjustment, get back on track.”

Braun in December appointed three new people to the commission, including Zay and Swinger, and tasked them with focusing on utility affordability. This means three of the IURC’s five commissioners are Braun appointees.

Citizens Action Coalition Executive Director Kerwin Olson said approving any rate increase at all for AES Indiana was the wrong decision, but he does not believe Zay should have lost his chairmanship over it. He said Braun’s actions, however they were intended, amount to political interference with what is supposed to be an independent decision-making body.

“It’s concerning to see politicians, especially the governor of the state of Indiana, put his thumb on the scale,” Olson said. “We certainly share those frustrations. We agree with what Gov. Braun is saying

about folks and affordability, but again, it’s problematic in our minds when we see political interference in the process like this.”

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, had similar concerns. He said the IURC is required to follow considerations spelled out in state law when it considers rate increase requests. DeLaney said Indiana lawmakers need to dramatically overhaul the state’s utility code rather than pick fights with the IURC.

“It’s not designed for these multistate, giant utilities,” DeLaney said. “It’s not designed for data centers demanding huge quantities of electricity. And it’s not designed for micro-managing by the governor. So yeah, we need to look at it. But we can’t look at it simply as a way to get our anger off. We’ve got to figure out how to adjust to the changing environment.”

Swinger used to work with the Office of the Utility Consumer Counsel, which is tasked with representing ratepayers’ interests. He recused himself from the AES vote because he had worked on the case while at the OUCC. Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Abby Gray said she was pleased by the appointment of Swinger.

“I have had the pleasure of working with Anthony Swinger for many years during his tenure with the OUCC,” Gray said. “Anthony has always prioritized the needs of ratepayers with special consideration for transparency and affordability. I extend my congratulations to Chairman Swinger and wish him the best as he takes on this new responsibility.”

Braun hinted at further changes to the commission. He said his next chance to appoint a commissioner will come in April, when longtime commissioner David Ziegner’s term expires. Ziegner has served on the commission since 1990, when he was appointed by then-Gov. Evan Bayh. Commissioner David Veleta, a Holcomb appointee, is scheduled to finish his current term in January of 2028.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/politics/governor-braun-utility-commission.



Braun

Meeting Notices

The Westfield City Council will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2026, in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St. Resolution 26-143: Finding Property Owners in Substantial Compliance for Tax Abatement Purposes will be discussed and eligible for adoption that evening.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com.

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE ANX-25-9

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: <https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/>

View the list of board members at fishersin.gov/CityCouncil. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 20, 2026, at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request (“Proposal”): ANX-25-9 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 1.37 acres, known as the Bralley property. Subject site has a common address of 16103 Southeastern Pkwy.

LOCATION: 16103 SOUTHEASTERN PKWY, FORTVILLE, IN 46040
The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City’s website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

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The half belonging to the Israelites, which Moses set apart from that of the fighting men—the community's half—was 337,500 sheep, 36,000 cattle, 30,500 donkeys and 16,000 people. From the Israelites' half, Moses selected one out of every fifty people and animals, as the Lord commanded him, and gave them to the Levites, who were responsible for the care of the Lord's tabernacle.

Then the officers who were over the units of the army—the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds—went to Moses and said to him, "Your servants have counted the soldiers under our command, and not one is missing. So we have brought as an offering to the Lord the gold articles each of us acquired—armlets, bracelets, signet rings, earrings and necklaces—to make atonement for ourselves before the Lord."

Numbers 31:42-50 (NIV)

Jennifer Diane (Nevitt) Lucas

December 26, 1969 – June 20, 2026



Jennifer Diane (Nevitt) Lucas, 56, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on December 26, 1969, in Noblesville.

Jennifer worked as an inventory control supervisor for Owens & Minor Medical Supply for over 20 years. She attended Clarksville Christian Church. In her younger years, she enjoyed primitive camping with her parents and siblings. Jennifer loved her pets and admired things that involved the sun and moon. She loved hiking, concerts, movies, a wide variety of music and spoiled her grandchildren on a continual basis. She was always willing to help others, even in her final wishes of being an organ and tissue donor so that other's lives would be extended through her gift. Jennifer was known for her positive attitude on life and being a bright spirit with a smile that was infectious.

She is survived by her mother, Diane Nevitt; husband of 18 years, Michael Day; son, Ray (Amber) Lucas; daughter, Jessica (Roman) Lucas; grandchildren, Kadiance, Hartleigh, Memphis, and Brandon; bonus grandchildren, Kaden, Brandon, Allie, Elizabeth, William, and Hayden; sister, Jeri Nevitt; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Dale Nevitt; brother, Jeffrey Nevitt; and grandparents, Richard & Thelma (Lehr) Zeiss and Herman & Ruth (Cook) Nevitt.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from noon to the time of service at the church. After the service there will be a "Celebration of Life" on the grounds of the Church. Dress casually and bring a lawn chair and share your memories while enjoying the company of friends and food.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038, (hamiltonhumane.com); or Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St., Noblesville, IN 46060; or the charity of your choice.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Karl E. Muszar Jr.

July 13, 1931 – June 22, 2026

Karl E. Muszar, Jr., 94, Indianapolis, was called to his heavenly home June 22, 2026. He was born July 13, 1931, in Indianapolis to Karl E. Muszar, Sr. and Golda Lucille (Martin) Jones.

Karl was a 1949 graduate of Howe High School. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served until 1955. Following his military service, he attended Purdue University and in 1958 earned a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering. Karl worked for Allison Aircraft until 1975 at which time he started his own consulting business, Metallurgical Engineering of Indiana, Inc. Karl enjoyed photography and hiking in the mountains of Colorado. He served as a board member of Heritage Christian School from 1971 to 2001.

In addition to his parents, Karl was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara J. (Fouk) Muszar; sister, Boni Kennelly, and stepbrother, Wesley Jones.

Survivors include his daughter, Michelle (Mark) Anderson; son, Jeffrey Muszar; granddaughter, Brittany (Alex) Winfield; great-grandchildren, Krystian Hall, Czarina Green, Mikhail, and Odessa Winfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Colonial Hills Baptist Church, of which he was an active member, and where the funeral service will begin at noon.

Burial will follow in Union Chapel Cemetery. In memory of Karl, contributions may be directed to Colonial Hills Baptist Church-Missions, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements. Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com.

Ruby Frances Cook

March 15, 1924 – February 9, 2026

Ruby Frances Cook passed away peacefully at home on February 9, 2026, surrounded by family.

Ruby was a life-long resident of Indiana, born March 15, 1924, in Bloomington to Fred F. Shipley and W. Ellen Hayes. She later relocated to Hamilton County where she married John A. Cook.

Ruby received her RN degree from Indianapolis City Hospital School of Nursing class of 1947. She proceeded to practice her nursing skills in various capacities: as a surgical nurse at Indianapolis General Hospital, as the school nurse for the Hamilton Heights School District, and as a home health nurse for local families. During this time, she was a devoted wife and mother to five daughters.

Upon retirement, Ruby and her husband moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where they personally constructed their retirement home, a log home located in the woods surrounded by nature and wildlife. Ruby was an avid reader, passionate gardener, collector of all things primitive and antique, and admirer of all God's creatures large and small.

Ruby is survived by four daughters, Caren McKinney, Rebecca Allen, Deborah Goode, and Judith LeBlanc, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Preceding her is her husband of 70 years, John A. Cook; daughter, Sandra Mundy; and brother, F. Eugene "Buck" Shipley.

Ruby is laid to rest alongside her husband at Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery.

Barbara "Bobbie" (Bailey) Sturdevant

December 17, 1929 – June 17, 2026

Barbara "Bobbie" (Bailey) Sturdevant passed away at 96 years old on June 17, 2026. She was born on December 17, 1929, to Russell Warren and Anna Mildred (Goff) Bailey.

She married the love of her life, Ted W. Sturdevant, on June 8, 1948.

After Bobbie & Ted were married, they spent their lives farming until his death in 1986. They enjoyed square dancing, fishing, camping, playing euchre, and bowling with family and friends. Bobbie loved flowers, gardening, spending winters in Florida where she learned how to play shuffleboard and spent many hours beading and crafting. Most of all, Bobbie loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She spent many hours with them mushroom hunting, teaching them multiple skills, making biscuits & gravy for breakfast, and she never said no to a rowdy game of softball or having a contest of standing on her head with them.

Bobbie was a faithful servant to God and attended East Union Christian Church. She was a member of Eastern Star.

Bobbie is survived by her four girls; Mary Overdorf, Linda (Ray) Rockwell, Connie (Dan) Maynard, and Vickie (Keith) Conway along with her 14 grandchildren, Terry, Andy, Kim, Kelly, Tracey, Sandy, Mitchell, Melanie, Brad, Shelly, Melissa, Bryce, Luke, and Jenica, 37 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren; her brother, David Bailey; and her sisters, Carolyn and Sue Hefflemire.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Ted, her son-in-law Rick Overdorf, her parents, her father & mother-in-law Russell & Ruth Sturdevant, her beloved Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Rollie Goff, and her sisters Patty Thomas, Becky Mendenhall, and Kay Harris.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th St., Atlanta, where family and friends are invited to gather from 11 a.m. till time of services. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to East Union Christian Church. Everyone is invited to sign the on-line guestbook, leave a condolence or share a memory at fisherfamilyfunerals.com.

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Fishers' Lexi Heer is one of the top power soccer players in the country. She will represent her club team, RHI Sudden Impact, this week at the Conference Cup in Fort Wayne, then join the U.S. Power National Team at the Power Soccer World Cup this October in Argentina.

The 'Swiss Army Knife' of power soccer

Fishers' Lexi Heer to compete at Conference Cup this week, World Cup in October

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The country's best power soccer players will be showcasing their abilities just up the highway this week.

The United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA) is conducting the Conference Cup at Turnstone's Plassman Athletic Center in Fort Wayne from Thursday through Sunday. The Conference Cup is the USPSA's national championship.

One of the players competing is from Fishers. Lexi Heer plays for the club team RHI Sudden Impact. Heer has been involved with power soccer since she was 5 years old, "and I'm now 30," she said.

A total of 45 teams will compete in the Conference Cup.

"You can feel the energy and the crowd during the games," said Heer. "It definitely gets energetic, fans cheering a lot."

Power soccer is designed for people with physical disabilities, such as muscular dystrophy, quadriplegia and cerebral palsy. Heer has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a genetic condition that causes muscle weakness. You can learn more about Lexi's story [here](#).

"It's for people who use a wheelchair as a way to get around," said Heer.

Power soccer is played on a regulation-size basketball court and has familiar rules to the able-bodied

game of soccer.

"We have corner kicks, goal kicks, penalty kicks," said Heer. "Throw-ins are called kick-ins."

Athletes use a special chair designed specifically for power soccer. The chairs use a metal frame that attaches on the front of the chair to strike the ball.

Heer is one of four players competing at the Conference Cup that are members of the U.S. Power National Team. The team will compete in the Power Soccer World Cup this October in Argentina.

"The national team is a part of US Soccer's extended national teams," said Heer. "Just like any national team within US Soccer, there's a player pool. The coaching staff for our team has a set of players that they look at and pull from. They pull from the player pool and invite who they want to invite."

"It's a tremendous honor," said Heer. "These athletes practice and train for years to reach the level that's necessary for international competition."

Brett Passmore serves as the executive vice president of USPSA and is also the technology and performance coach. Passmore calls his role "The Wheelchair Wizard – I'm here to make sure the technology they're playing with, the wheelchair, is operating where it needs to operate at in order for them to be competitive."



Passmore said Heer is a "very critical part" of the national team.

"Lexi brings a number of things," said Passmore. "She is a veteran of the sport. Lexi brings a maturity to the sport that a lot of our younger athletes really can learn from. She's a Swiss Army Knife. She can play any position and she can play it at a level that is superior to most athletes in the sport."

Passmore said when it comes to game situations, Heer is not "stuck to being just a goalkeeper or just a striker. If they need her to pivot and do something else, there's nothing she can't do on the field."

Heer said that because she started playing power soccer at a young age, "it's been able to teach me life-long lessons, such as working with teammates and having good communication amongst each other when we're on the court."

In addition, Heer has gained life-long friends, people that she now considers like family, something Heer said she will be forever grateful for.

"We're all people with disabilities," said Heer. "Growing up being surrounded by people with disabilities really showed me what I can do. Having different mentors that I've been able to look up to over the years and get guidance from has really helped me become who I am today."

Men's Basketball



Joshua Herd / File photo

Westfield and Purdue star Braden Smith is ready to prove himself in the NBA and is confident he has what it takes.

Braden Smith, Ryan Conwell & more Indiana natives hopeful ahead of NBA Draft

By **ANGELA MORYAN**
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This week's NBA Draft marks the unofficial start of the NBA season. With it, multiple Indiana natives are hoping to get their own start on their professional careers.

"It's every kid's dream to be able to prepare for that phone call and hear their name called," former Louisville guard and Pike grad Ryan Conwell said. "I just worked so hard, and I'm just thankful for the people around me that helped me get to this point."

"It's a surreal feeling being a kid that was a little under-recruited throughout his whole high school college career and then making it to, I guess, the big stage, so it's definitely cool," former Miami (Ohio) and Carmel star Peter Suder said.

Purdue All-American guard Braden Smith is ready to prove himself in the Association, despite all the conversation about his height. The Westfield native is confident he has what it takes.

"I always knew I'd be able to play," Smith said. "I feel like I'm smart enough to play. I have the IQ to play. I can pass, I can score, I can do all those things for any team out here that needs that. For me it's just when and where and how."

Their time spent playing in the Basketball State — whether that be high school or college — has made them ready for the next level.

"I really think Indiana basketball is some of the best basketball in the country," Conwell said.

"It's a basketball state,

and sometimes you play in the biggest gyms in the country in high school, and they're packed out for sectionals, regionals, semi state. So it just prepares you for those kinds of moments," Suder said.

"At Purdue, we were consistently top five in the country, so we played against a lot of great players, great teams," former Purdue forward and Sellersburg native Trey Kaufman-Renn said. "Just playing in big time environments against big time players prepares you."

For Conwell, he's taken a lot from his relationship with fellow Pike grad and former NBA All-Star Jeff Teague.

"Jeff has definitely been an inspiration and role model for me, even since I was young," Conwell said. "Just being able to chat with him as I grew out of high school and college, he definitely gave me some wise words of advice, and I'm really thankful that he's been there to support me."

Representing their Indiana communities on the big stage would also mean a lot.

"It would be unbelievable," Smith said. "Just having that community around me, like I've been really fortunate and really lucky to be around a great group of people in my Westfield area, when I was at Purdue... Obviously, I'd be very proud to be able to represent Westfield."

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North-South Baseball All-Star series this weekend

Five Hamilton County players on the roster

The REPORTER

Five Hamilton County baseball stars are among the 52 senior players that will compete in the 2026 Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association North/South All-Star Series this weekend.

The series takes place Friday through Sunday at Loeb Stadium in Lafayette.

Three local players will participate on the North team. Noblesville's Beckett Doane and Westfield's Corey Wilhelm are among the pitchers, while Noblesville's Aiden Reynolds will play infield.

The other two county players will compete for the South team. Fishers' Hayden Werner is one of the South's pitchers, while Guerin Catholic's Ian Taylor will be one of the outfielders.

The weekend begins with the All-Star banquet, which starts at 7 p.m. Friday at Lafayette Jefferson High School. Tickets for the banquet are sold out.

The baseball begins Saturday with a nine-inning doubleheader. The first game starts at noon with the second game beginning 45 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. On Sunday, the All-Stars will play a single wood bat nine-inning game, which also begins at noon.

Tickets for the games can be purchased at [this link](#).



Noblesville's Beckett Doane is one of five Hamilton County baseball players that will participate in the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association North/South All-Star Series this weekend.

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Boys Golf

Knott leads after stroke play at Boys State Junior Championship

Westfield golfer top seed as match play begins

The REPORTER

Westfield's Keaton Knott put together another impressive round to finish first in stroke play at the Indiana Boys State Junior Championship, which continued Tuesday at Purdue University's Ackerman-Allen Course.

Knott, an incoming junior for the Shamrocks, scored a two-under par 70 in the second round of stroke play, making three birdies along the way. Knott totaled a five-under par 143 for the two rounds and earned the top seed as the tournament moves into match play today.

Fishers' Dane Starnes, an incoming senior for Hamilton Southeastern, tied for fifth in stroke play with 147. Starnes carded a 75 in his second round, making two birdies.

Tommy Klinker, a recent Fishers graduate, tied for seventh by scoring 148. Klinker totaled 74s in both rounds, draining three birdies during the second round.

Three more local golfers finished stroke play tied for 10th with 149s. Hamilton Southeastern graduate Mattingly Upchurch scored 74 for the second round, which included an eagle on hole No. 4 and two birdies.

Noblesville graduate Ty-

ler Marucci was 73 for the second round, making four birdies. Eli Wessel scored 78 in the second round, including three birdies.

The top 64 players from stroke play advance to match play, which begins today with the Round of 64. The first pairs go off at 8 a.m. Once all matches are completed, the winners will play their Round of 32 matches this afternoon.

Here is a list of Hamilton County match-play qualifiers.

1. Keaton Knott, Westfield 68-70=138, T5. Dane Starnes, Fishers 72-75=147, T7. Tommy Klinker, Fishers 74-74=148, T10. Tyler Marucci, Noblesville 76-73=149; Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers 75-74=149; Eli Wessel, Indianapolis (Guerin Catholic) 71-78=149, T20. Brody Colburn, Fishers 77-75=152, T24. Patrick Wolf, Carmel 79-74=153; Vaughn Twilla, Noblesville 76-77=153, T32. Ryan Cesare, Westfield 80-75=155; Luke Moore, Carmel 75-80=155, T36. Jude Kaufman, Westfield 77-79=156; Max Huffman, Carmel 76-80=156; Zach Kinzer, Fishers 75=81=156; Hudson Kutchna, Westfield 73-83=156, T46. Myles Ray, Noblesville 75=82=157; Luke Decker, Noblesville 74-83=157, T63. Gavin Davis, Fishers 75-86=161.

Boys Golf

Wessel named to IHSGCA Academic All-State team

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic graduate Eli Wessel has been named to the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association's Academic All-State team, it was announced on Tuesday.

Wessel was part of the Golden Eagles' third-place team finish at the state meet last week and also was the individual runner-up. Wessel has committed to the

University of Cincinnati.

Two Noblesville golfers were named to the IHSGCA's Honorable Mention Academic All-State: Jackson Mahan and Dustin Turpin.

Academic All-State is awarded to seniors with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and SAT score of 1100. Golfers must have competed in their sectional tournament and at least

half of their team's varsity events during the season.

In another important award, Noblesville's Gary Deakyne was named the 2026 Boys Golf Coach of the Year for Region 4 (Yorktown). Deakyne coached the Millers to a sectional championship and regional runner-up finish, qualifying Noblesville to state for the fifth consecutive year.

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